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SUBJECT: MEIR AMIT RESIGNS FROM GOVERNMENT

1. IN WHAT MUST BE RATED AS THE ANTI-CLIMAX OF THE WEEK, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION MEIR AMIT SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION THIS AFTERNOON. CITING THE FACT THAT THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE HAD SPLIT AND THAT HIS FACTION INTENDED TO LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT, AMIT SAID HE FELT HE COULD NO LONGER SERVE IN THIS POSITION.

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2. ALTHOUGH AMIT'S RESIGNATION HAS BEEN EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME, "SEMI-OFFICIAL SOURCES IN JERUSALEM" CRITICIZED THE TIMING OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT AS UNDERCUTTING BEGIN AT A CRITICAL MOMENT IN THE CAMP DAVID NEGOTIATIONS. IN A JUST-CONCLUDED RADIO INTERVIEW, AMIT SAID HE WAS RESIGNING TODAY IN ORDER TO GO INTO THE FIRST MEETING OF HIS AND AMNON RUBINSTEIN'S NEW PARTY FREE OF ANY TIES TO THE

PRESENT GOVERNMENT. THE NEW PARTY, TO BE CALLED "SHAY"
(ACRONYM FOR "CHANGE AND INITIATIVE"), WILL HOLD ITS
INAUGURAL MEETING TOMORROW.

3. PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES FOR AMIT'S NEWLY VACATED SEAT
INCLUDE ONE OF THE LIKUD MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO OR
DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE YORAM ARIDOR.
THERE IS WIDE-SPREAD FEELING AMONG LIKUDNIKS THAT THEY
ARE UNDER-REPRESENTED IN THE CABINET, AND AMIT'S
RESIGNATION COULD GIVE BEGIN AN OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT
THIS PERCEIVED IMBALANCE. VIETS

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